Steps to Successful Training



IPP Buddy Training Guide

Companion Training Guide To The IPP System And Self-Determination Book

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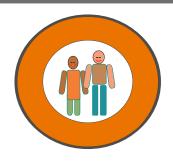
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The IPP Buddy



What is an IPP Buddy?

An IPP Buddy is a self-advocate who supports another self-advocate.
The IPP Buddy helps a self-advocate develop strong advocacy skills in order to take an active role in deciding what goals are written in his/her IPP Plan.

Goals Of IPP Buddy System

Encourage Self-Determination
Develop and strengthen self-advocacy skills
Make the IPP meeting and plan a more powerful tool
Develop a self-advocate's decision making skills
Create a support group of self advocates teaching and helping each other
Empower IPP Buddies to teach the IPP Buddy System to other self-advocates

Before IPP Meeting





Call and meet Self-Advocate one month before his/her birthday.

- 1. Explain IPP process (in the Self-Determination book)
- 2. Explain IPP Buddy System (in the Self-Determination book)

Together the IPP Buddy and Self-Advocate

- 3. Set date, time, and place of meeting
- 4. Invite IPP Team members (friends, family, professionals)
- 5. Read the old IPP Plan (if possible) and decide...



What to keep
What to change
What to take out

6. Write IPP Meeting Plan and decide...



Interests (home, job, recreation)
Write down any old goals that will be kept
Add new goals

... Write 2 types of goals:

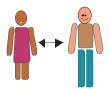
Short-term goal Long-term goal



Now to one year from now One year or more from now

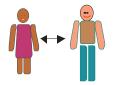
Before IPP Meeting





Talk about what services will help the Self-Advocate meet the goals

Education
Training
Medical
Life management skills
Transportation
Job coaching
Other



Talk about where to find these services

Who can help the Self-Advocate reach this goal? If you do not know-- ask IPP Team at meeting



Decide which goals are most important

Write a 1 next to the most important goal, a 2 next to the second most important goal, and so on until all the goals are in order



Role play the 5 parts of the meeting with Self-Advocate Ask the Self-Advocate what help they want at the IPP meeting, if any.

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•	Starting the meeting
	Introductions
	Reading the IPP Meeting Plan
	Asking others for ideas, help, or comments
	Closing the meeting
	Other



The IPP Meeting





Attend Self-Advocate's IPP meeting.

Be prepared and on time!





Bring copies of the IPP Meeting Plan for IPP Team

3. Encourage Self-Advocate to:



Lead the meeting
Tell his/her needs and wants
Ask for help when needed
Use the IPP Meeting Plan as a guide

4. Encourage IPP Team members to:



Listen to Self-Advocate Give ideas for goals Support Self-Advocate's dreams

After the IPP Meeting





Follow up meeting with Self-Advocate

1.

List what went well in the meeting

2.

List what did not go well in the meeting

3.

List what Self-Advocate would do differently next time

4.

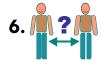
Read written IPP Plan with Self-Advocate Have Self-Advocate:

Mark parts of the IPP Plan he/she wants
Cross out parts he/she does not want
Write down anything missing
Sign and return IPP Plan to Service Coordinator



More help that may be needed after meeting

Filing an appeal
Calling service providers
Talking to Service Coordinator



Tell how you did as an IPP Buddy

Do self-evaluation form
Ask Self-Advocate to complete an evaluation form